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Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Monday, 20 December 1993, at 5.50 p.m.

President:	Mr. LI Zhaoxing	(China)
Members:	Brazil	Mr. SARDENBERG
	Cape Verde	Mr. CUSTODIO dos SANTOS
	Djibouti	Mr. OLHAYE
	France	Mr. MERIMEE
	Hungary	Mr. ERDÖS
	Japan	Mr. MARUYAMA
	Morocco	Mr. SNOUSSI
	New Zealand	Mr. KEATING
	Pakistan	Mr. MARKER
	Russian Federation	Mr. LOZINSKIY
	Spain	Mr. YAÑEZ BARNUEVO
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir David HANNAY
	United States of America	Mr. GREY
	Venezuela	Mr. TAYLHARDAT

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The meeting was called to order at 5.50 p.m.

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF THE PRESIDENT AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): On behalf of the members of the Security Council, I should like to express profound sorrow at the passing of the President and Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Fiji, His Excellency Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau. President Ganilau was a statesman of the highest standing and was strongly devoted to the cause of world peace. His loss will be greatly felt.

I request the Permanent Representative of Fiji to convey to the Government and people of Fiji, and to the bereaved family, the Council's deepest condolences.

I now invite the members of the Council to stand and observe a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of President Ganilau.

The members of the Security Council observed a minute of silence.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

THE SITUATION CONCERNING RWANDA

SECOND REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE UNITED NATIONS OBSERVER MISSION UGANDA-RWANDA (S/26878)

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): I should like to inform the Council that I have received letters from the representatives of Rwanda and Uganda, in which they request to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I

(The President)

propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite those representatives to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Bizimana (Rwanda) and Mr. Baba (Uganda) took places at the Council table.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the second report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda, document S/26878.

Members of the Council also have before them document S/26888, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

It is my understanding that the Security Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. If I hear no objection, I shall now put the draft resolution to the vote.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour: Brazil, Cape Verde, China, Djibouti, France, Hungary, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 891 (1993).

(The President)

I shall now call on those members of the Council who wish to make statements following the voting.

Mr. MERIMEE (France) (interpretation from French): Resolution 846 (1993), by which the Security Council established the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda (UNOMUR), gave the Mission a six-month mandate.

The report that the Secretary-General has just submitted to the Council indicates that the Mission has achieved tangible results on the ground: it has succeeded in monitoring the Rwanda-Uganda border. In carrying out its mandate it has enjoyed the full cooperation of the Ugandan authorities, which the Council welcomes. Hence, UNOMUR has been a factor for stability in the region, and has played a useful part in restoring the confidence that is necessary for the implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement.

The Mission's success warrants the renewal of its mandate for a further six months. It also justifies UNOMUR's continuing to exercise its own legal autonomy, in line with the wishes of the Ugandan authorities, who signed an agreement with the United Nations to grant such status to the Mission.

The resolution we have just adopted takes account of both those factors. That is why my delegation voted in favour.

Mr. SARDENBERG (Brazil): The Brazilian Government welcomes the positive role played by the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda (UNOMUR) as a confidence-building factor in the Rwandese peace process. The report submitted by the Secretary-General, for which we are grateful, indicates the concrete results of UNOMUR's presence and its importance in promoting stability in the area and, hence, in facilitating the achievement of lasting peace in Rwanda.

(Mr. Sardenberg, Brazil)

Brazil has been following with interest and expectation the implementation of the Arusha Peace Agreement, which brought a negotiated solution to the conflict in Rwanda and made it possible for that African country to start on a new road - this time, towards peace and national reconciliation. Brazil supports that peace process, and we are gratified by the fact that Brazilian military observers are a part of UNOMUR.

We also welcome and commend the continuing cooperation and support of the Government of Uganda, which is, of course, an essential aspect of this endeavour. It is appropriate that the questions raised by the Government of Uganda with regard to the administrative integration of UNOMUR within the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR) have been addressed by the Secretary-General and are covered in the text of the resolution we have just adopted.

The Secretary-General, on the basis of his assessment of the situation in Rwanda and along the border, has recommended the extension of UNOMUR's mandate for a period of six months. We agree with that assessment and support that recommendation, which we think is important for the prospects of peace and security in Rwanda and in the region.

The PRESIDENT (interpretation from Chinese): There are no further speakers. The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 6 p.m.